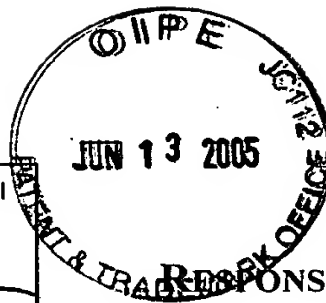


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Dear Sir:

In a final Office Action (the "Action") mailed March 11, 2005, claims 1-6, 9, 10, and 17-23 were rejected variously under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph and second paragraphs, and under 35 U.S.C. §103. This amendment is timely filed. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5.